

Ickenham Calling

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

A huge thank you to all our area and road stewards for going above and beyond in getting the newsletters out to our members and for collecting as many subs as they did over the last few months. We cannot function without their efforts and are always very appreciative of all they do.

You will have seen the toppers decorating post boxes in and around Ickenham. These have been a great source of fun and interest over the last year and we would like to thank all those involved in creating such outstanding "art works" to cheer us up.

We have now heard the result of the judicial review of the Master Brewer planning application, which was approved by the London Mayor. We are more than disappointed that the judge ruled against the Council in their judicial review attempt.

In summary the Council had commenced proceedings against the Mayor on the basis that he misinterpreted planning policy in the London Plan 2021 that relates to tall building developments, failed to have regard to important information in relation to the air quality implications and that there was procedural unfairness in the way in which the application was determined. The Council did not succeed on the first two grounds and whilst the court agreed that there was procedural unfairness it felt the Mayor would still have lawfully granted planning permission. And so the court has refused to quash it.

The Council have said they will reluctantly accept the Court's decision and not appeal. However, they will monitor this development very closely to ensure that all aspects of the planning permission are strictly complied with. Sadly this means a residential development of up to 11 storeys high at the former site of the Master Brewer Motel is likely to proceed. We are also considering what steps can be taken next – if there are any that are available to us through our MP or the Secretary of State.

Let's all hope for better things in 2022.

Jill Dalton

ICKENHAM FESTIVE COMMUNITY NIGHT - Friday 3rd December 2021

It was great to be back! For the first time in what seems like ages, the Ickenham Christmas Community night was back. The streets were full of people enjoying a social night out amongst friends and neighbours. The Association was again in the village hall and, while it was a first for me, the other volunteers were old hands.

The Hall was socially distanced with no central tables and a one way system but there were plenty of people circulating. The "Guess the number of sweets in the jar" was a firm favourite on our stand. The guesses ranged from a low 50 to a high of 700 - enough to cause sugar poisoning had that been correct (it wasn't). HS2 was a recurring discussion theme throughout the evening. We met lots of existing members, signed up a few more and signed up one or two volunteer road stewards. So, overall a successful and enjoyable evening.

Our thanks to the Festival Team for managing to organise such a great evening despite all the restrictions – roll on June 2022!

Julian Ingram

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If there are any questions you may want to raise, or if you have comments on any article in the Newsletter, we would like to hear your views. Please write to our

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You can also send your comments to our e-mail address:
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POLICE MATTERS



The latest scam I have been made aware of concerns cold calls made to (usually elderly) people by very aggressive salesmen pushing extended warranties on domestic appliances, to be paid for by monthly direct debits. The sums involved are quite small, typically £5 or £6 per month; the thinking being that a small amount each month would be likely to escape notice. Enough of these would give the scamster a good income. Needless to say, any attempt to claim on one of these 'warranties' would be unlikely to succeed. As usual the advice is to hang up on cold callers.

Those parents with young adults in the family, perhaps students, typically in the age range of 18 to 24, need to alert them to the dangers of falling for the temptation of becoming 'money mules'. Various crooks, looking to launder their ill-gotten gains, advertise on social media, offering a commission for the use of the young person's bank account to transmit funds. If caught, the account's owner will be prosecuted and having been convicted of a financial crime, will be refused credit, such as a mortgage, for years to come.

The scam involving very large sums occurs when criminals hack into a solicitor's e-mail records. They look for an upcoming transfer of funds, such as a house deposit, and e-mail the client stating that the solicitor's bank details have changed and requesting that the cash be sent to a new account. When this is done the funds are rapidly transferred overseas and are unlikely to be recovered. One must always be on the alert when moving large sums around, never rely on messages alone, and always check with the other party before taking action.

Vic Silk

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next AGM will be held at Ickenham Village Hall on Friday, 29th April 2022 at 8 p.m. Any item that member wish to be considered for inclusion in the Agenda, should be submitted in writing, with the names and addresses of the proposer and seconder to the General Secretary, Mrs. June Reyner, 6 The Chase, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8SR, by Friday 4th March 2022.

More details of the evening and the full Agenda of the meeting will be included in our next regular Spring newsletter, due for circulation in late March 2022. We hope the AGM will be able to go ahead as usual. However, there may be some restrictions, for example we may have to restrict numbers and ask you to pre register your interest in attending.

Also it may not be possible to provide our usual buffet. We will know more (hopefully) by the time we issue the next newsletter.

**The Officers and the Committee of the Ickenham Residents' Association
take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during
the last year and hope you all had as happy a Christmas as possible
and would like to wish you and your families a healthy,
safe and peaceful New Year**

